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TO ALL READERS :

His love be with you  
on Christmas Day,  
And guide you on your  
future way.

Youth Editor.



## Our President Comments

When the first star appears on Christmas Eve we know that Christmas has come again and we prepare to celebrate the birthday of birthdays — the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. To us, Ukrainian Canadians, it is the beginning of a festive season, the customs of which were brought to Canada by our forebearers and are enriching the Canadian culture. The family gathers at the home of grandparents or parents and all young and old sit down to the traditional Holy Supper. The table is covered with hay, in remembrance that the child Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger and that it was there that It first stretched its little arms to embrace the world. A white tablecloth is spread over the table and in the center of which we see the kulatch which portrays the little Jesus. On its side a candle is lit to shine and show the world the beauty of the little face and to remind us of the Star of Bethlehem. Once the traditional prayers are said or hymns are sung, the head of the family distributes the "prospophora" (little pieces of bread with honey) to each member, extending his best wishes and greetings, and then the family sits down to the twelve-course meatless supper. Do not the people at the table remind us of the shepherds that came to welcome the child — and partake in the soul strengthening food that the world was to receive from the Saviour that came.

When the supper is finished, the family gathers around the crib and joins in singing the beautiful Christmas carols that are so dear to us. If we are fortunate, we may be pleasantly interrupted by carollers who, having finished their suppers early, have taken to the road to proclaim to friends and neighbors that the Child is born. Later, they all gather in the church, to hear and participate in the Mass. And so, the festive season begins and continues with holy Masses, carolling, visiting of friends — all commemorating the birth of the child Jesus. What beautiful tradition and customs we have — and we must preserve them, we must treasure them, and we must build love for them. Practice our customs and you will be recognized as a Ukrainian and you will contribute your share in building Canada.

In suggesting to you how to observe Christmas, I can only pass to you the words of Pope Paul VI, spoken at a general audience before last Christmas. He said: "First, let your Christmas be, above all, a religious feast. Celebrate it by attending church services, by meditating on the meaning for us of the Birth of Jesus and by imitating His example . . . . Let your Christmas be a family feast. Renew your affection for your nearest and dear-

est, show them your fidelity to your family . . . Remember the poor. Assist them, make sacrifices to help them, and give them your aid in the name of Our Lord and for His sake who 'being rich, He became poor for your sake, that by His poverty you might become rich'. (11, Cor. 8, 9)."

On behalf of the National U.C.Y. Executive, may I extend to our Metropolitan, our Bishops, priests, brothers, sisters, our Ukrainian Canadian Community, and to you our dear members the most sincere best wishes for a joyous and happy Christmas and a prosperous and rewarding New Year, in which we would truly see the rebirth of our religious, moral and sociological life along the spirit of the Ecumenical Council.

Chrys Dmytruk.



## Will there be a Christ in your Christmas?

By Merv Hunchak

Cultural chairman of National U.C.Y. Executive

Already in mid-November one can see and hear the evidences of the business world heralding in Christmas as their most-advertised, most decorated and most profitable sales campaign of the year. The lights are being string up in every imaginable place while the phonographs play "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" throughout the streets in order that everyone may be gotten into the festive mood for Christmas. Presents are brought — more than at any other time of the year. Holiday foods are laid up bountifully in store and the liquor cellars are lavishly stocked, all in preparation for the annual festive remembrance of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago.

Truly, the unenlightened may say, Christ is being remembered and honoured for does not all this go on each year because of Him. Do we not eat much and drink much

and give each other many splendid presents and toast each other's health at this time. Do we not decorate up our trees, and lavishly don our Christmas attire for that whirlwind of parties and get-togethers that is so typical of the activities of many at this time. Cocktail glasses in hand, many stand around at parties telling silly and off-color jokes to each other. With all this going on some may say we are remembering Christ because in the non-Christian lands, these festivities are not going on while we have them in our "Christian" Canada.

But now, let us stop short. Let us think. Is this what God intended when he gave us a Saviour two thousand years ago? Are we remembering what Christ means to us? Do we forget that, because of the sin of Adam and Eve, all of us acquired a sinful nature which made us all weak and capable of sin. Do

we forget that no one with sin on his soul can enter the Kingdom of Heaven nor live in communion and fellowship with God while here on this earth. Do we forget that the Bible tells us (and if we are wise we know ourselves) that there is no one who does not commit some sin on this earth, and that all would be last, eternally damned, if it were not for Christ.

Do we forget that when Christ suffered and died on the cross, He paid the price, the penalty for your sins and mine. Do we remember that through the sacraments of our church, through confession and Holy Communion, the sacrifice which Christ, the Son, made for our sins serves to wipe away all iniquity from our souls so that we can stand pure, holy and undefiled before God, the Father. Do we forget that Christ loved us so much even when we (mankind) were unredeemed and unforgiven, that He gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins so that, through His sacrifice, we might be made holy and acceptable before God. Do we remember that God is happy to give us forgiveness when we approach Him through Christ's sacrifice and that all this started and was made possible when Christ was born in Bethlehem, so that this purpose might be accomplished.

Let us, as Ukrainian Catholics ponder the above as we observe Christmas this year. Let us remind ourselves how truly God-loving and religious were the Ukrainian-Catholic pioneers who came to this Canada to make their new homes. One of the outstanding features of our heritage from our Ukrainian Catholic forefathers was the fact that

they were a deeply religious people and that many of the fine Ukrainian Christmas traditions they brought with them and handed down to us expressed and evolved around a deep love of the Christ-child. Christmas was for them a deeply spiritual and happy time as they prayerfully observed the birth of their Saviour. They sang the Christmas hymns and carols happily and with meaning. Their Christmas evolved around Christ and His Sacraments and not around the festivities and materialism of the modern-day society where everybody celebrates but few remember Christ. Too much of the Christmas festivities of the present time in the lives of many people are really those of a pagan people who have not accepted the joy of Christ Himself into their hearts.

This Christmas, Ukrainian-Catholic boy and girl, do your part to have Christ in His rightful place in your festivities and in your heart. You cannot overdo it. Let Ukrainian-Catholic people be known to all others as a people who truly love God and live and die their lives for Him who did not hesitate to let His Son die for us, for our sins because of His love for us. Strive to observe the Ukrainian Christmas traditions and when you do, do your part to see that they are observed in the right manner and with the right attitude. For example when you go caroling from house to house the prime purpose of your going must never be to collect money or to enjoy the treats and wines which may be given you. The prime purpose of the carolling visits were and must again be to sincerely remind the people in the various hou-

ses that the Saviour of their souls was born and that they are to rejoice in this happy knowledge.

It is a time for expression of mutual joy and best wishes.

Will you as a Ukrainian-Catholic young person do your best to encourage others to observe Christmas in the proper spirit this year? Stand up and give a little talk to your friends at your next U.C.Y. meeting. Tell them about this article. At home, encourage your pa-

rents, brothers and sisters to observe Christmas just a little more prayerfully than in the previous year. They may be a little surprised at your suggestion but it will do them good and they should be pleased. Do your part to make our Ukrainian-Catholic people be known as people who love and serve God and that they do so more than other people in this materialistic and God-forgetting society.

May God Bless you this year at Christmas!



## U. C. Y. Leadership Course

### TORONTO EPARCHY

For two weeks (Aug. 2nd to 16th) thirty-two representatives from the various U.C.Y. Locals in Toronto Diocese came to St. Basil's College School in Weston, Ontario to attend the annual U.C.Y. Leadership Course sponsored by the Diocesan Executive.

From as far as Sault Ste. Marie these participants came to learn what is entailed in being a leader in our U.C.Y. The various subjects (Organizational, religious, cultural and social) were dealt with in detail to acquaint these potential leaders with every aspect necessary to the successful attainment of a responsible position in our organization on every level. Under the capable and qualified instruction and guidance of Fr. Damien, Fr. Pryhma, Father Tataryn, Mrs. Harasewych, and Miss H. Zwyrer achieved its purpose.

Apart from the serious nature of

the Course the social events provided a happy interlude from the many series of lectures. The spacious forty acre Campus, the swimming pool and the gymnasium were at the disposal of all. Dances, weiner roasts, a tour of Toronto were but a few of the events. The girls attended a performance at the O'Keefe Centre; the boys went to the Toronto-Ottawa football game at Exhibition Stadium. There was an initiation, a talent night, an election and a newspaper edited.

Learning how to be a leader is a serious business but anyone who was at the Course will testify that it was enjoyable also. Already plans are being made for next years Course. We advise every U.C.Y. member to attend the 1965 Leadership Course.

U.C.Y. Diocesan Executive  
of Toronto Eparchy.

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## Toronto Diocese Welcome New Spiritual Director

### MESSAGE FROM SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FATHER DAMIEN

Dear U.C.Y. Members,

The inner power of every young person yearns for a worthwhile outlet. Ambition, the characteristic of a young mind, motivates young people to strive for recognition, mean something and be someone in this world. There is only one possible road to importance, greatness and success. It is the road of love, respect, justice and hard work.

Laziness, drunkenness, lawlessness lead to utter failure and often despair. You can never gain respect nor be a true hero by breaking laws, by hating people, or by fighting authority, although you feel you have outgrown others and believe yourself strong, yet can never pass the probation of life's demands. Only bulrushes grow fast in the slimy dirt on the edges of stagnant waters, only to break at the slightest gust of the wind and wilt in the earliest sign of frost.

The Oak, on the other hand, is slow in growth but gains strength, height and beauty and is looked on with admiration. Therefore, channel your energies and drive to love, respect, and hard work and achieve a worthwhile and lasting future here on earth, and an eternal reward hereafter.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that Father Peter Hrabec, OSBM has been appointed to another post by the Basilian Order and consequently is un-

able to remain as our Diocesan Spiritual Director. To him we extend our appreciation for his perseverance, initiative, and guidance, without which we, the Diocesan Executive, could not have fulfilled our duties as effectively. Again, we thank you.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Father Damien Weleschuk, OSBM who has been assigned as our new Diocesan Spiritual Director. This is a very difficult and onerous post, but we are certain that with all the past experiences in U.C.Y. activities, Father Damien will undertake his duties with great vim and vigour and will definitely be an important asset to our Diocese. Your co-operation and prayers would be of great assistance here on earth and an eternal reward hereafter.

Diocesan Spiritual Director.  
Father Damien,

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT — BILL BOCHAR Cultural

The winter months would be a good time to organize talks by members on Ukrainian traditional dress and customs, such as, the significance of the twelve courses of the Christmas dinner.

Our knowledge of Ukrainian history is sadly lacking. Short talks by members on various phases of our history would be interesting and informative.

With Christmas rapidly approaching your club should begin to plan a Caroling programme. Avoid the



mistake of starting practices late. A short practice session at the end of each meeting should be adequate to prepare your club to take part in this enjoyable Ukrainian tradi-

tion. As well as being an excellent opportunity to improve your club's financial status, sharing the Christmas spirit with your fellow parishioners can be very rewarding.

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## Our Trip to and from the Ottawa Rally

By Ted Lucyk, Toronto

One early Friday afternoon a 1964 grey Pontiac Safari Station wagon limousine pulled up before the St. Basil's rectory and met with an accident. No, it didn't hit a Volkswagen or a hydrant, neither did it ram the rectory hedges. No It was there to give seven members of the St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Youth a lift up to Ottawa for the Ottawa rally. That was an accident. Poor car. Up came the back seat. In went the baggage, members, guitars, dogs, cats, horses, cows, chickens, and Father Peter. But that was only the beginning for no sooner did we get on the highway when a cloud of smoke blinded us, a tuneless song deafened us, and little sly remarks deflated our egos. To make things a little brighter we noticed (at the speed of 60 m.p.h.) that a 15 ton green Merc. transport truck was tailgating us.

Many miles and hours later we stopped. A huge neon sign announcing "Richard's Restaurant" attracted our attention. Once inside our girls hastily ordered their delights and lined up in front of the restrooms. The boys on the other hand didn't budge. Five young waitresses held their attention.

Soon the meal had begun but all was not well. Above the clammer

and noise of this public place a chorus of burps could be heard — soprano, alto, baritone, basse. All these sounds rang out in unison as our group hastily ordered a round of Bromo. Finally, we all chipped in and hit the road again.

Once on our way everyone relaxed as best they could by smoking till our eyes burned, singing till our ears cried, and hurting our egos till they bled purple borsch.

We crossed a dirt road, a canal, and alas and behold, Ottawa. What a disappointment. Not about the smell of fish that hit us. We have plenty of that in Toronto, but the streets, so clean, well, we felt kind of funny not to drive through orange crates, banana peels, garbage, cigarette cartons and remnants of a city hall. We had reached our destination.

Three minutes flew by, three hours flew by, three days flew by. Oh no! We're on the road again.

Well! We rested. There was no joy in the car now. No. Out of sixty hours spent in Ottawa, eleven and one-half were devoted to sleep. The others were just donated.

"Look, Richard's," someone yelled out.

"Aw Father," blurted out the boys. "Can't we go in for some-



thin', a thoothpick or a glass of water?"

"Okay," said Father understandingly, "but we can't stay too long."

"Okay," said the boys, "just a few hours."

The same waitresses were there, and the same restrooms. The scene was just about the same as on our way to Ottawa. The boys sat and stared, the girls formed a line for the. . . . Ten minutes later we were on the road again and in three hours in Toronto. After we got into

Toronto we stopped off at a member's house and we discussed all the good things about the social life in Ottawa. I say good things because we couldn't find any error in our three laugh-packed days. We have only got memories and to tell you the truth some are pretty wild. Next time you are invited to a rally or a convention, GO. Then you can tell me all about it.

St. Basil's U.C.Y.O.

Ted Lucyk,  
Toronto.

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## Roblin, Manitoba U. C. Y.

### QUARTERLY REPORT — JANUARY TO MARCH 1964

A re-organizational meeting of the Roblin Ukrainian Catholic Youth was held on March 3rd, 1964, in Holy Redeemer Church clubroom with twenty-two members present. The new slate of officers are as follows:

President, Joyce Maluga. Vice-President, Emil Sebulski. Secretary, Margaret Luchuk. Treasurer, Ronnie Boychuk. Fifth Member, Lucy Shwaykowski. Press Counselor, Mary Filewich. Auditors, Rosemarie Luchuk and Ernie Shwaykowski. Regional Chairman, Chris Znak. Educational Cultural Chairman, Susan Baranowsky. Spiritual Chairman, Michael Sorochnik. Social Sports Chairman, Francis Oseka and Maurice Yakabowski.

Father Michael Bzdel, our Spiritual Director, welcomed the new officers and gave a vote of thanks to the former executive. A brief report of the club's activities of the past year was presented by Susan Baranowsky.

Our meetings are scheduled for every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, commencing at 8:00 p.m. and consisting of three portions. First is the business portion, second, our cultural chairman presents topics pertaining to religion and Ukrainian education on which Father Bzdel presides and members have discussions. The social part of the meeting makes up the third portion.

The club, although small and organized late, had a full scheduled program for March. First on the agenda was the Second Annual Bonspiel with the trophy being presented by a member of the Roblin U.C.Y., Emil Sebulski, for annual competition. This year the bonspiel was held in Benito. Three rinks were entered from Roblin. Roblin defended the trophy successfully with the winning rink consisting of Omar Oulette, skip; Joyce Maluga, third, Rosemarie Luchuk, second, Emil Sebulski, lead.

On Sunday, March 15th, the Roblin U.C.Y. held a Communion Breakfast. The members gathered after Mass at the Hilton Motor Hotel. Guest speaker was Rev. Father Nestor Hodowany, C.S.S.R., who gave a very inspirational talk on the importance of receiving a good education.

On March 21st, the Roblin U.C.Y. held a successful Ham Bingo in Yoe's Garage, with coffee and donuts sold.

During Holy Week, the Roblin U.C.Y. took an active part in the church services, especially by providing a guard of honor before the Plaschenytsia on Good Friday.

March 31st, Roblin played hosts

to a District U.C.Y. Broomball Tournament on St. Vladimir's College ice. The Benito U.C.Y. came out in full-force. After a very enjoyable afternoon the members were served a delicious lunch in the College dining room.

If the variety and number of activities held in March is any indication for the rest of the year, the Roblin U.C.Y. is indeed, going to be a very busy U.C.Y. Club.

The activities planned for May are a Record Hop, Mothers' Day Concert and of course, the traditional Marian Day on the last Sunday of May.

Miss Margaret Luchuk  
Roblin U.C.Y. Secretary.

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## Regional Rally – Myrnam, Alberta

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1964

By Alexandra Kowalchuk, Edmonton, Diocesan Press Chairman

A Regional Rally planned by the Myrnam U.C.Y., under the guidance of Fr. M. Gural, their Spiritual Director, was held at Myrnam, Alberta on Saturday, November 7, 1964. Over 40 members of the Myrnam and Derwent U.C.Y.'s attended this rally. The following representatives of the Diocesan Executive attended the rally — John Kowalchuk, President, Mrs. Leslie Dmytruk, Auditor, and Mrs. Alexandra Kowalchuk, Press and Publicity Chairman. The rally was also attended by Chrys Dmytruk, President of the National U.C.Y. Executive, and Joe Wysocki, who held the position of Regional President in this area in 1954-1961.

The rally began with Mass at 11 a.m. which was followed by a Communion Breakfast.

### First Session of the Convention

Lillian Miskiw, President of the Myrnam U.C.Y. called on Fr. Gural to open the Convention with a prayer. She then welcomed the group and called on John Kowalchuk, Diocesan President, to act as Chairman for the Convention.

Mr. Kowalchuk welcomed the group on behalf of the Diocesan Executive, and expressed their best wishes for the success of this Convention.

He then introduced Fr. M. Gural, Myrnam U.C.Y.; Fr. J. Cherkowsky, Derwent U.C.Y.; and Fr. F. Starodub, from Innisfree, Alberta; who welcomed those present and expressed their sincere wishes for the success of the Convention

### **Club Reports Myrnam U.C.Y.**

1. Studied Ukrainian history and learned Ukrainian songs. Fr. Gural also instructed in religion.
2. Sent delegates to Diocesan Convention in Edmonton.
3. Decorated the church for Christmas.
4. Went out carolling.
5. Participation in a Taras Shevchenko Concert.
6. Sponsored an annual picnic in May.
7. Participated in church choir.

### **Derwent U.C.Y.**

1. Went out carolling, giving proceeds to the church.
2. Attended a curling bonspiel at Vegreville, Alberta.
3. Sent delegates to Diocesan Convention in Edmonton. Several delegates participated in the 1962 Talent Night, sponsored by St. Josaphat's Sr. U.C.Y. in Edmonton, at which Derwent U.C.Y. received a trophy for the best out of town performance.
4. Held Communion Breakfasts every 2 months.
5. Attended a baseball tournament.
6. Held an open house, the objective of which being to interest new members. This proved quite successful and raised their membership considerably.
7. Participated in church choir.

### **General Discussion**

The following items were raised during the discussion:

Chrys Dmytruk informed the group that a very good Ukrainian program is held on CHFA Station (Edmonton) every Monday night at 10 p.m. He suggested that a club, or several clubs jointly, sponsor one of

these programs during the year. During this program time could be devoted to the history of the sponsoring club/clubs.

Chrys Dmytruk also stressed that when you belong to the U.C.Y. you are not just part of the local, but must be registered with the Diocesan. You are part of a National organization — and you must think of it as a whole.

Fr. Gural stressed that it is an obligation to belong to a U.C.Y. and that members should develop a sense of belonging. He also suggested that new U.C.Y. members be formally initiated into the U.C.Y. on St. Michael's Day.

### **TALKS**

#### **Fr. Starodub, Innisfree**

Fr. Starodub stressed the importance of being practicing Catholics. We should live in such a manner that would show that we are Catholics. He also stated that we should not forget our language and not be afraid to speak it.

#### **Joe Wysocki**

To stress the importance of members working together within a club, Mr. Wysocki compared a U.C.Y. Club to a machine. He pointed out that a machine has many working parts — the big gears which can be compared to the executive — the small gears which can be compared to the members. A machine will only function if both gears are operating. In the same sense a U.C.Y. club can only function if both the Executive and members work together. Mr. Wysocki also pointed out that we should not ask "What is the U.C.Y. organization going to do for Me?" but "What can I do for the U.C.Y.?"



**Fr. J. Cherkowsky, Derwent U.C.Y.**

Fr. Cherkowsky stated that in these days, it is our obligation to renew our respect for our parents. The authority of parents should not only be held in high esteem, but should be held in a holy esteem.

He said that we should also have the same high respect for our priests as they are our spiritual fathers. He spoke on vocations to the priesthood, sisters, brothers, etc., stressing the shortage of them. "If we don't have any young people going into these vocations — just what is going to happen when our present priests, etc. are gone", he asked.

There must also be a renewal of authority of the Church. The Ecumenical Council is working on adapting the Church rules to our modern times so that the Church can carry out this authority. Fr. Cherkowsky stated that we are fortunate to be living in this age of the Ecumenical Council, and that we are young enough to benefit from the outcome of the Council.

Fr. Cherkowsky also pointed out that with the present tendency to unite the East and West our Ukrainian Rite is also very important and therefore we should be proud of our rite.

Following is a poem which Fr. Cherkowsky obtained from "The Priest", a monthly magazine for priests, and read to us:

**Christ Addressing a Priest**

My son, you are not alone,  
I am with you — I am you.  
From all eternity I chose you.  
I needed you.  
To continue blessing, I need your  
hands,

To continue speaking, I need your  
lips,

To continue suffering, I need your  
body,

To continue loving, I need your  
heart.

I need you to continue my saving  
work.

Stay with me, son.

Will someone among us perhaps  
hear these words of Christ, calling  
us to continue His work?

**Chrys Dmytruk, National President  
Speaks at Second Session**

After a short coffee break, the second session was started. The Chairman called on Chrys Dmytruk, National President, to speak to the group.

Mr. Dmytruk, on behalf of the National Executive, extended their sincerest best wishes to the Convention.

Mr. Dmytruk stated that the purpose of any Catholic organization is to give glory to God and to help in the formation, both intellectually and spiritually, of its members. He reviewed the objectives of the U.C.Y. stating that if we reflect and try to fulfill these objectives we will be good members of the U.C.Y.

Mr. Dmytruk gave a short resume of how the U.C.Y. first came into being 25 years ago. He stated that we are at a crossroad of time in which we must take stock of ourselves and plan and make certain that we exist for another 25 years and more.

Mr. Dmytruk informed the group that the National Executive is working on a plan of activities for the Diocesan, which will be up to the Diocesan to implement. He stated

that the reason for the Diocesan Executive's existence is for the locals and its members.

Mr. Dmytruk also gave a short resume of the National Convention which was held in Winnipeg on July 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1964. He informed them of some of the constitution changes and resolutions which were passed.

#### **Fr. M. Gural, Myrnam U.C.Y.**

Fr. Gural impressed upon the group that our Ukrainian Catholic Youth is only a **small part** of the world and that today November 7, while we are gathered together at this Convention, making firm resolutions; in another part of the hemisphere — in Moscow, the people are celebrating the Anniversary of the Communist Revolution. These people are vowing to die in order to gain the world. Today the world is divided into two parts — one part fighting for Christ and the other part fighting against Him.

Fr. Gural then went on to speak on the problems which our teenagers are faced with today. He stated that some of today's teenagers don't know God — they ignore almost all principles of morality. To love something we have to know it first — to love God we must get to know Him! Therefore, in order to win the war between God and the devil, the youth must work to know our religion and God better. Remember, we not only live here on earth - but we live for all eternity. He also stressed the importance of learning our Ukrainian language, our history and traditions.

In closing Father Gural asked us to keep high ideals of the U.C.Y. and be always faithful and united for God and country.

### **Discussion**

An open discussion was held again with the following suggestions arising out of it:

1. That two St. Michael's trophies be awarded, one for which the city clubs would compete, the second for the country clubs to compete for.

2. That a Regional be formed in the Derwent Deanery.

3. That a Regional Retreat or Mission be organized, which members would attend for one day.

#### **Regional Executive Formed**

A Regional Executive was formed with Fr. Gural as Spiritual Director, Orest Yacey as President, and Orest Goyan as Vice-President. The Diocesan Executive will be getting in touch with these members and a proposed program of activities will be set up.

### **Discussion**

Small discussion groups were formed, with each group given a topic to work on. Following are the topics and some of the ideas arising out of this discussion:

1. What would you like to see the Diocesan Executive do? How can they improve?

1. Visit local clubs annually.

2. Sponsor St. Michael's trophy for rural clubs.

3. Try to organize U.C.Y. clubs in areas where there are none.

4. Send out suggestions for membership drives in rural areas.

5. Send out suggestions for sports activities.

6. Encourage correspondence between U.C.Y. clubs.

7. Have a committee to suggest how to raise funds.

## II. What should we expect from our Regional Executive?

1. Give us information regarding any meetings of the Diocesan Executive.

2. Promote more regional activities.

3. Help in carrying out our meetings and help with any local problems.

## III. How can we get more members?

1. Campaign by letters.

2. Personal approach.

3. Promote more interesting activities in the club.

4. Hold an open house for prospective members and parents to attend, during which they would learn more about the U.C.Y. and its objectives.

## IV. What are the benefits of belonging to a U.C.Y?

1. Meet people in your age group.

2. Become more familiar with

Ukrainian customs and language.

3. Strengthen your faith in God.

4. Allows for team play and group co-operation.

5. Teaches us sportsmanship — we learn to get along with other people.

6. Brings unity between youth and ones religion.

7. Meet people of your own faith, interests, nationality, which is conducive to our marriage partners.

8. Gives a basis for a good and decent Christian life, where good moral standards are practiced.

9. Discuss our problems within our own religious group.

10. Gives us a sense of responsibility and belonging.

## Resolutions

Following resolutions were adopted at the Convention:

1. Resolved that the Diocesan Executive propose a plan of activities for locals.

2. Resolved that the Youth magazine carry a certain portion of articles in good Ukrainian.

3. Resolved that a practice be installed of welcoming new members on St. Michael's Day, at which time they would take their initiation pledge.

The Convention was closed with a prayer and the hymn "Mu Hochummo Boha".

## Banquet and Dance

A delicious supper was served by the ladies in the parish, which was followed by a dance.

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## A Bridge Towards Christian Unity

By Walter Dushnyck

(Spoke at Convention in Winnipeg)

The first two sessions of Vatican Council II, held in 1962 and 1963, plus the subsequent pilgrimage visit of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land, have proved to be epoch-making events in the history of the Catholic Church and of Christianity everywhere. One journal titled its story on the second session of the Ecumenical Council, "Fresh Winds in the Catholic Church." What transpired has tremendous significance to a humanity starved for peace and ensured enjoyment of human dignity.

After the termination of the second session of the Ecumenical Council on December 4, 1963 queries were raised in a number of countries of the world: What has the Ecumenical Council accomplished thus far? It was not to be expected that voting would proceed quickly in an assembly of approximately 2,500 abbots, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and patriarchs. Actually, final action was taken on but two items of a swollen agenda. There were charges, especially by some younger prelates, that the Fathers of the Council, and possibly

the Pope himself were stalling for time and impeding speedy progress of the Council. The charge was also made that "Conservatives" were opposing reforms in the Church proposed by "Liberals."

But all knowledgeable persons and specialists on the subject incline to agree on one point "the very convocation of this Ecumenical Council was a phenomenon of extraordinary importance.

Augustin Cardinal Bea, one of the more energetic personalities of the Council, on a visit to New York in the spring of 1963, had this to say in summary about the achievements of the Council's first session:

a) The establishment of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity as a permanent and official body set up to deal "not only with Reformed but Eastern Churches as well";

b) Adaptation of a clearly ecumenical outlook as expressed by the presence of other Christian observers inside the Council.

c) "Realization that all Christians of any and every de-

nomination belong to each other."

On the basis of public reports and records of the first session of the Council, it could be ascertained that debates were held on the following subjects: the Liturgy, the sources of Revelation, the Communication Media, Christian Unity, and the Church itself. Some of these subjects were discussed and debated at considerable length whereas others were treated only summarily or else were postponed to the next session and for further study and research.

However, the first session was but a beginning, at which the Council Fathers acquired a growing feeling of interrelationship and an awareness of the Church as a living extension of Christ in the world.

The published results of the Ecumenical Council to date are relatively slim in volume, though rich in portent as regards ultimate achievement. Two important constitutions were adopted and enacted by the Council and then formally promulgated by the Pope at the close of the second session.

One of these constitutions deals with reform and adaptation of the sacred liturgy. It authorizes extensive changes, after study and experiment, in

such things as the readings in the Mass to ensure better coverage of the gospel message. It also authorizes wider use of the vernacular language in the instructional parts of the Mass and in the sacramentary generally. Much of this applies primarily to the Latin-rite liturgy, but adaptations in the Eastern-rite liturgies are also suggested.

Certain of the liturgical changes go into effect this February (1964), as promulgated in a *Motu Proprio* (decree "on his own initiative") of Pope Paul VI, dated January 25, 1964. Among such changes are authorization for a bishop to confer confirmation during Mass, if he so chooses, and the placing of the marriage ceremony within the Mass, after gospel and sermon, for all Catholics married at Mass.

As regards contemplated changes in the liturgical texts, or translation of the liturgy into the vernacular, in this same *Motu Proprio* the Holy See reserves to itself the right of granting final approval. This implies some restriction upon the liturgical constitution as it came from the Council, which would have allowed the territorial conferences of bishops to have approved certain changes.

The other major action of

the Council thus far was the constitution of mass communication media. It stresses freer exchange of objectively valid news, and also urges wider use of modern communication media in diffusing the Christian message.

Toward the end of the second session, Pope Paul VI on his own authority extended the rights and privileges of diocesan bishops in a number of matters. They now can regularly adjudicate in certain marriage cases, for example, and as regards the Index of prohibited books, whereas formerly they had to have recourse periodically to the Holy See for such faculties. A number of concessions were also made, mostly in the direction of simplifying procedures in diocesan curias and easing the work load of the Roman Curia.

One of the more contested topics of the Council's deliberation was that concerning the place of the Virgin Mary in the Church and in Christian life. After intensive arguing and debate, the Council by a slender majority of 40 dropped the idea of a separate schema on Mary and decided to cover this matter in the schema on the Church (*De Ecclesia*). The Mariologists and some others want-

ed a separate schema specifically devoted to the Virgin. In effect, their enthusiasm met with rebuff.

Indicating that excessive emphasis on the Virgin Mary has been criticized by Protestant and Orthodox theologians alike, the Rev. Gustave Weigel, S.J., American theologian and Vatican expert (recently deceased in New York City at the age of 57), stated:

Protestants find that Catholic doctrine tends to obscure the unique mediation of Christ. They feel Mary is in conflict with Christ. They feel that in piling up epithets we are tending to make the Holy Virgin the fourth person of the Blessed Trinity.

Council experts maintained, however, that the chapter on Mary inserted in the schema *De Ecclesia* would not minimize one iota the significance and standing of the Virgin Mary in the Church. But it would make things more palatable to Protestants who would find one less reason for objection.

It is interesting to analyze the vote on the question of a separate schema on Mary. Out of 2,188 votes cast, 1,114 Council Fathers voted in favor of incorporation into the schema *De Ecclesia*. The majority of



these hailed from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, West Germany and the Scandinavian countries, where there are strong Protestant Churches and where appreciable Protestant influence is felt. On the other hand, the 1,074 Council Fathers who voted for a separate schema on Mary, come overwhelmingly from the Latin countries — Italy, Central and South America, as well as from Asia, Africa and some countries of Eastern Europe.

What was a novel discovery for most non-Catholics present was the complete freedom of debate and the democratic procedure that exists within the Catholic Church. For instance, Rev. Charles Balic, a noted Mariologist, was allowed to use the Vatican printing office to put out a pamphlet urging a separate schema on Mary. Moreover, a number of Ukrainian and Indian Bishops printed and distributed at the door of St. Peter's basilica a tract in Latin advocating a separate schema for the Virgin Mary.

### **Reforms and Rejuvenation Of the Church**

One of the most encouraging and dramatic features of the Ecumenical Council was the evident efforts of the Holy See to encourage a variety of reforms

aimed at rejuvenation and a "historic face-lifting" of the Church.

When the late and venerable Pope John XXIII sent out his call for all bishops, archbishops, cardinals and patriarchs to gather in Rome for an Ecumenical Council, he said his primary goal was "to promote the spread of the Catholic faith, a salutary renewal of the customs of the Christian people, the bringing to light of ecclesiastical discipline in a way conforming to the needs of our time."

But, in addition to this primary task, that great Pope had a secondary aim in mind. He said:

This (Council) will be a wonderful spectacle of truth, unity and charity. For those who behold it but are not with this Apostolic See we hope that it will be a gentle invitation to seek and find that unity for which Jesus Christ prayed so ardently to his Father in Heaven.

Later on, in his inaugural address on June 22, 1963 Pope Paul VI proceeded to specify his predecessor's views on the matter:

The most important part of our Pontificate will be occupied with the continuation of the Second Ecumenical Council of

the Vatican, towards which are turned the eyes of all men of good will.

This will be the principal work to which we intend to devote all the energy that God has given us so that the Catholic Church shining in the world like an "ensign to the nations from far," may draw to herself all men by her organic majesty, by the youthfulness of her spirit, by the renewal of her structures, by the multiplicity of her forces, coming "out of every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation."

There is no doubt in the mind of Catholic leadership the world over that the dream of Pope John XXIII increasingly becomes a reality. On the other hand, there are some who do not hide their doubts that Christian unity is not just around the corner. They maintain that the schisms and separations which have divided the Church for centuries are deeply imbedded in people's minds and seem almost as indestructible as the earth itself.

But the winds bringing fresh air are now sweeping through the global domain of the Church. The centuries-old windows of isolation and insulation are being opened. Lay members of the Church are being given a more substantial voice in the Church's affairs. Non-Catholic

Christians are being invited to listen to the official deliberations of the Ecumenical Council. A statement absolving Jews of collective guilt in the death of Jesus Christ was introduced and then considered for discussion in the Council. Since the draft statement had not been part of the printed 'Ecumenism' schema circulated in advance to the Council Fathers, it was necessary to have their approval before floor debate could proceed in connection with that schema.

Actually, a certain number of prelates from the Middle East, with Christian communities in predominantly Moslem - Arab countries, raised questions about discussion of the draft statement. Thus, the Catholic Patriarchs Ignace Gabriel Cardinal Tappouni of Antioch, Stephanos I Siderouss of Alexandria, and Maximos IV Saigh of Antioch opposed inclusion of a statement on the Jews in the schema on "Eucumenism." Similar opposition acme from Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini of Palermo. They noted that the original draft of the schema had focussed on Church reunion. Nevertheless, the overwhelming sentiment was in favor of some such statement, if not in the schema on Christian unity, then elsewhere.

Another facet in the updating (aggiornamento) of the Cath-

olic Church is the changing role of Catholic laity. The Council Fathers generally did not take favorably to that old adage regarding the Catholic layman — "pray and pay." Now he is being encouraged and invited to rekindle in himself the zeal of

St. Peter. He is asked, among other things, to show a new love and understanding of all Christians — not excluding the Protestant and Orthodox "separated brethren."

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## Winnipeg Diocesan Report

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### ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCALS:

1. Members of the Diocesan attended Rallies held by various locals at: Brandon, Oakburn, Tyn-dall, and Dauphin, held during the course of the past four years.

Many other social, spiritual and sports functions held by out-of-town locals were often attended by the Diocesan.

Through these Rallies and functions, the Diocesan Executive were able to make personal contact with each of the out-of-town locals.

2. Promotion of the Youth Magazine: In order to familiarize the members with this magazine, complimentary copies were distributed by the Diocesan at the various Rallies. This was a great contributing factor in raising our standings in Youth Magazine subscriptions.

3. Diocesan Executive was present at all of the Winnipeg Regional functions in addition to the Conventions held once a year, acting as an advisory committee in regards to problems with the Locals and within the Locals. Our President often officiated as guest speaker at these functions.

4. In order to assist the locals in strengthening their clubs and to unit them within the Diocese of Manitoba, general meetings of the

various clubs were attended by our executive. Suggestions were given as to how to make a meeting interesting and how to encourage new members.

5. To encourage the growth and activity of the locals it was passed at the Diocesan Convention that a trophy be awarded to the most active club. Judging would be based on reports submitted to the Diocesan quarterly by each club.

In this manner, not only are the clubs encouraged to be more active, but we are kept well informed of how each club is functioning.

6. Baseball Provincial Champs — This year, it is the intention of the Diocesan to have the Winnipeg local Baseball Champs plays against the out-o-town Champions to establish a Provincial Baseball Championship Team.

7. St. Michael's Day — To be celebrated by all the Manitoba Youth from this year forward. As we cannot all be together for this occasion, it was decided at our Convention, to set a certain hour on this day so that the entire Youth population of Manitoba will be attending Mass and taking Holy Communion at the same time throughout the province.